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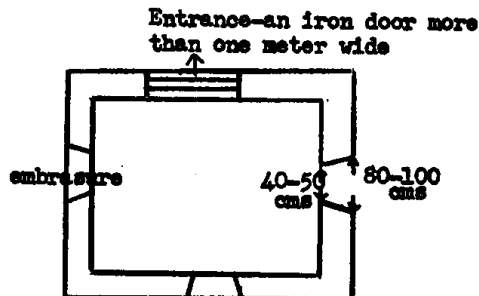
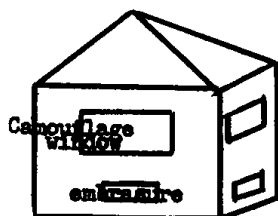
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1. Pillboxes have been built 70 to 120 meters apart on the hills along the coast of the Black Sea, near the village of Obsor (N 42-49, E 27-53), and were observed as far as 10 kilometers north and three kilometers south of the village. In a distance of approximately two kilometers, 15 such pillboxes were counted.
2. These pillboxes are easily seen from the sea, appearing from the distance as ordinary houses. They are a standard type, about 3 x 3 x 3.5 meters. The walls, 25 to 30 centimeters thick, and the roofs are built of reinforced concrete. The three walls facing the sea have embrasures 20 to 30 centimeters above ground. These pillboxes are camouflaged with "windows" painted above the embrasures. The windows are painted white, the walls are painted gray, and the roofs are painted red to imitate tiles. The entrances, which are quite large, are built on the side facing away from the sea and are closed by a one-winged iron door. Three pillboxes visited under the guidance of an officer did not contain any equipment or soldiers. Not far away from these pillboxes, in the direction of the sea, trenches have been dug along the coast.
3. A large military unit for coast defense is permanently stationed 4-5 kilometers south of Obsor in a forest on a hill which rises steeply from shore to about 150 meters above sea level.

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